

1. **Claims 1,4-9** are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claim 1, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious "a service interface for receiving the data packets, ... a differentiated service profile associated with the service interface; a plurality of transport interfaces operatively coupled to the service interface, the service interface assigning a first data packet having a first differentiated service codepoint value to a first transport interface according to the differentiated service profile, wherein the service interface assigns a second data packet having a second differentiate service codepoint value to a second transport interface according to the differentiated service profile; a second service interface; and a second differentiated service profile [associated with] the second service interface, the second service interface operatively coupled to the plurality of transport interfaces, the second service interface assigning a third data packet having a third differentiated service codepoint value to a third transport interface according to the second differentiated service profile."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BLANCHE WONG whose telephone number is (571)272-3177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 830am to 530pm.

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